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## OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5727

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME FOR PARENTAL NOTIFICATION WHEN A CHILD IS ADMITTED TO A HOSPITAL FOR DIAGNOSIS OR TREATMENT OF A MENTAL DISORDER.***

#### **SUMMARY:**

This bill reduces, from five days to one, the time within which a hospital must notify a parent or guardian of a child (1) age 14 or older or (2) in the custody of the Department of Children and Families (DCF) that the child was admitted for the diagnosis or treatment of a mental disorder without their consent.

The law allows a hospital to admit a child age 14 or older without parental consent if the child agrees in writing. The DCF commissioner can admit any child under her custody to a hospital without going through probate court if (1) the child's legal counsel consents in writing and (2) if age 14 or older, the child agrees.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 25      Nay 0      (03/25/2013)